



Lieutenant Colonel J.T. Hand **Deputy Commander**

Lieutenant Colonel J.T. Hand rejoined the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, June 16, 2003. He previously served with the Baltimore District from 1995 to 1998 as a project engineer with the District's Bay Area Office and as the District's deputy District engineer for civil works. Just prior to his reassignment to Baltimore, Hand served as the chief, Facilities and Construction Division, assistant chief of staff, Engineer, Third United States Army, ARCENT at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Hand was commissioned in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in May 1984 from the University of Vermont. His first assignment was with the 536th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) in Panama as a platoon leader, assistant operations officer and company executive officer for the 15th Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment). Assigned to the 554th Engineer Battalion in 1998, Hand was transferred with the United States Army Engineer School from Fort Belvoir, Va., to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., when the school's colors were transferred in 1990. From 1990 to 1993 he served as commander, A Company, 554th Engineer Battalion and instructor at the United States Army Engineer School and Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Following language training at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, Calif., Hand served two years in Brazil as the assistant operations officer in the 1st Construction Engineer Group of the Brazilian Army. From 1998 to 2000, Hand served in Germany, first as the director of Public Works for the 280th Base Support Battalion, Schweinfurt, Germany, and then as the operations officer, 9th Engineer Battalion (Combat). As the chief of Facilities and Construction Division, Third United States Army, ARCENT, from July 2001 to June 2003, Hand had facilities planning, programming and execution responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq and throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility.

Hand has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Vermont. His military education includes Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Defense Language Institute (Portuguese), and the Army's Command and General Staff College. His military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Kosovo Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge.